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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: BTRA, PDEV, MZ, RH
SUBJECT: VISIT OF UNION CARBIDE EXECUTIVES TO SOUTHERN AFRICA

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1. AMBASSADOR AND DCM DISCUSSED UPCOMING UNION CARBIDE VISIT TO MOZAMBIQUE WITH SHAFURDINE KHAN, DIRECTOR OF AMERICAS AND EUROPEAN DEPARTMENT IN FOREIGN MINISTRY. KHAN SAID HIS MINISTRY HAD ALREADY BEEN INFORMED OF VISIT BY AMBASSADOR LOBO IN NEW YORK. KHAN SAID HE HAS DISCUSSED VISIT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CHISSANO. NO PROGRAM HAS AS YET BEEN FIXED, BUT KHAN THOUGHT IT WOULD INCLUDE A MEETING WITH CHISSANO, AND PERHAPS EVEN ONE WITH PRESIDENT MACHEL, WHO HAS BEEN APPRISED OF VISIT. FOREIGN MINISTRY WILL ARRANGE MEETING WITH MACHEL IF PRESIDENT WANTS TO MEET WITH THE TEAM.

2. IN MEETING THIS MORNING WITH MINISTER OF TRADE AND COM-
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MERCE MARIO MACHUNGO, AMBASSADOR MENTIONED UNION CARBIDE VISIT. WHILE STRESSING THAT PURPOSE OF VISIT IS TO DISCUSS RHODESIA, FOR WHICH REASON TEAM WAS SEEKING A MEETING WITH CHISSANO, AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT UNION CARBIDE HAS INTEREST IN FINDING NEW SOURCES OF CERTAIN MINERALS, AND SUGGESTED THAT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR MACHUNGO TO MEET BRIEFLY WITH THE TEAM, IF SUCH MEETING COULD BE ARRANGED. MACHUNGO THOUGHT MEETING WOULD

BE HELPFUL, BUT WAS NONCOMMITTAL REGARDING HIS AVAILABILITY.
MATTER WAS LEFT THAT EMBASSY WOULD FOLLOW UP WHEN MORE DETAILS
WERE AVAILABLE REGARDING THE VISIT.

3. EMBASSY THINKS RECEPTION FOR UNION CARBIDE TEAM WILL BE MUCH
MORE POSITIVE IF MOZAMBICANS HAVE IDEA THAT UNION CARBIDE MIGHT
BE CONTEMPLATING NEW INVESTMENT IN THE AREA. FOR THIS REASON,
WE THINK A CALL ON MACHUNGO WOULD BE HELPFUL TO THE UNION
CARBIDE TEAM. NO SUCH MEETING, HOWEVER, HAS YET BEEN FIXED
AND WE RECOMMEND WE WAIT UNTIL WE FIND OUT IF CHISSANO AND/OR
MACHEL WILL BE RECEIVING THE TEAM BEFORE SEEKING TO SCHEDULE A
MEETING WITH MACHUNGO. THIS CAN BE DONE A DAY OR TWO BEFORE TEAM'S
ARRIVAL, OR, AS IS PRACTICE IN MOZAMBIQUE, EVEN AFTER TEAM'S
ARRIVAL, IF NECESSARY.

4. MUGABE WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE TO MEET WITH TEAM SINCE HE
AND ALL HIS SENIOR ADVISERS WILL BE IN MALTA FOR TALKS ON ANGLO-
AMERICAN PROPOSAL.

5. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ETA AND ETD OF TEAM WHEN AVAILABLE.
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